Schemes for gender equality and girl welfare

† 879. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the success of Government schemes for abolition of gender ratio disparity and girl welfare is limited to advertisements only;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not been able to implement even a single scheme in respect of the above;

(c) if so, the details of achievements, State-wise;

(d) whether Government are considering formulating of a law for providing concession to girls in all types of educational institutes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the Annual Plan 2007-08 for Ministry of Women and Child Development, the scheme of Conditional Cash Transfer for the survival and development of the girl child has been included with an outlay of Rs. 15 crores. A comprehensive 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme' has also been included in the Annual Plan 2007-08 with an outlay of Rs. 95 crore. This includes a component of Palna, which envisages setting up of Cradle Baby Reception Centres.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Indecent advertisements depicting women

† 880. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the provocative advertisements depicting women in indecent manner;

(b) if so, whether the National Commission for Women has recommended amendment in the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard, so far; and

(e) the action taken by Government to check infringement of the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the data relating to crime against women maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, the following number of cases have been reported in the country under the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986.

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